Anganwadi Kendras in the Country

†2245. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of anganwadi kendras operating in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to open some more anganwadi kendras in some of the States, specially in backward areas of Orissa;

(c) if so, by when these kendras will be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A statement indicating the number of sanctioned and operational Anganwadi Centres, as on 30.09.2006, is enclosed at Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The Government is committed to universalize the ICDS Scheme as mentioned in the National Common Minimum Programme of the present Government. The Government, in fact, has already expanded the ICDS Scheme twice in the last two years. In the first phase of expansion, 466 Projects, 188168 AWCs were sanctioned in 2005-06 including 3279 AWCs in Orissa. In the second phase, the ICDS Scheme has been recently expanded to cover 173 Projects, 1.07 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and 25961 Mini Anganwadi Centres across the country. This includes sanction of 4217 AWCs and 3111 Mini AWCs in the State of Orissa. Any further requirement of Projects/AWCs by the States/UTs, including Orissa, will be considered as and when further expansion of ICDS Scheme is undertaken.

It has been the constant endeavour of the Government of India to get the sanctioned Anganwadi Centres operationalised as early as possible.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Number of sanctions and operational Anganwadi Centres as on 20.9.2006

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Anganwadi Kendras		
		Total Sanctioned as on 14.2.2007	Operational	Pending for Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	73609	58581	15028
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4277	2359	1918
3.	Assam	37082	25447	11635
4.	Bihar	80528	57767	22761
5.	Chhattisgarh	34937	20401	14536
6.	Goa	1112	1012	100
7.	Gujarat	44179	37512	6667
8.	Haryana	17192	15967	1225
9.	Himachal Pradesh	18248	7354	10894
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	25358	10398	14960
11.	Jharkhand	32097	21459	10638
12.	Karnataka	54260	44609	9651
13.	Kerala	28651	25382	3269
14.	Madhya Pradesh	69238	49806	19432
15.	Maharashtra	85457	68184	17273
16.	Manipur	7639	4501	3138
17.	Meghalaya	3388	3143	245
18.	Mizoram	1682	1592	90
19.	Nagaland	3194	2770	424
20.	Orissa	41697	34997	6700
21.	Punjab	20169	14730	5439
22.	Rajasthan	48372	38414	9958
23.	Sikkim	988	757	231
24.	Tamil Nadu	47265	42677	4588
25.	Tripura	7351	6059	1292
26.	Uttar Pradesh	150727	116740	33987
27.	Uttaranchal	9664	7579	2085
28.	West Bengal	148912	55064	93848
29.	A & N Islands	672	621	51
30.	Chandigarh	370	329	41
31.	Delhi	6106	4011	2095
32.	Dadra & N Haveli	219	138	81
33.	Daman & Diu	107	97	10
34.	Lakshadweep	87	74	13
35.	Pondicherry	688	677	11
	ALL INDIA :	1105522	781208	324314

Note : An Anganwadi Kendra sanctioned by GOI takes about 1 year to become operational from the date of sanctioned by GOI. The pending No. of operational Anganwadi Kendras include Anganwadi Kendras sanctioned by GOI during 2005-06 and during 2006-07 (upto 14.2.2007).